



Desired Conditions Summary

Site	Existing Condition	Desired Condition	Desired Visitor Levels
CLIFF DWELLINGS			
Cliff Palace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ticketed Site</li><li>Peak season: 1 hour tour every 30 minutes</li><li>Tour size: 60 people</li><li>Peak time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peak season: Manage for high use; maintain tickets</li><li>Off-peak times: Create opportunities for in-depth, small group size tours</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peak season: Maximum is 3 groups of 80 people or less on current route; Preferred is 2 groups of 50 people</li><li>Off-peak season: 1 group of 50 people on current route; 1 group of less than 10 people on new route</li></ul>
Spruce Tree House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Self-guided site</li><li>Peak season: 200+ visitors in the peak hour</li><li>Average stay: 14 minutes</li><li>Peak time: Early afternoon</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seasonal: operate same as today - site accessible to all people throughout the year</li><li>Self-guided: retain less structured experience</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maximum 90 people at one time</li></ul>
Balcony House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ticketed site</li><li>Peak season: 1 hour tour every 30 minutes</li><li>Tour size: 50 people</li><li>Peak time: Early afternoon</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peak season: Operate same as today – works well; maintain tickets</li><li>Maintain use for school groups in spring</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tour size: 50 people</li></ul>
Long House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ticketed site</li><li>Peak season: 1.5 hour tour, 10 times daily</li><li>Tour size: 40 people</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retain more intimate and quiet experience</li><li>Peak season: Operate tours similar to today with smaller group size, maintain tickets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tour size: 30 people; two tours maximum in dwelling at the same time</li></ul>
Step House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Self-guided site</li><li>Peak season: 36 visitors in peak hour</li><li>Average stay: 13 minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Self-guided site</li><li>Enhance understanding of resource – only alcove site that displays basket makers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maximum 30 visitors at one time</li></ul>
Mug House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not open to public</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open site to provide a unique tour experience</li><li>Keep trail unimproved to site</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peak Season: up to 3 tours per day at 15-20 people each</li></ul>
TRAILS			
Petroglyph Point Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Self-guided trail</li><li>West trailhead: most popular, 371 people per day, 94 maximum at one time (2 pm-3 pm)</li><li>East trailhead: not well-marked, 239 people per day, 67 maximum at one time (3 pm-4 pm)</li><li>Length of stay: 2-3 hours to complete 3-mile loop; not all visitors complete loop</li><li>Interpretive trail guide pamphlet provided</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Add waysides along trail with resource interpretation</li><li>Better left as self-guided experience</li><li>Improve trail system (steps, gravel, etc.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Acceptable: 100 visitors at one time (groups of 3)</li><li>Preferred: 50 visitors at one time (groups of 3)</li><li>Displacement: group size is greater than 10-15</li><li>Threshold: more than 25-30 people encountered during hike</li></ul>
ROADSIDE OVERLOOKS			
Mesa Top Loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One-way road provides access to overlooks and Mesa Top sites</li><li>Good “filler” experience when waiting for tours</li><li>Limited parking supply at all stops: 190 total spaces</li><li>Peak visitor accumulation times 3 pm-4 pm</li><li>Average stay: 45 minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Natural resource interpretation is needed</li><li>Consider options for bicycling or hiking between sites</li><li>Maintain and enhance sheltered sites (repair roof leaks, add light source)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retain low visitation (uncrowded)</li><li>Maintain ability to find parking</li><li>Control traffic congestion</li></ul>



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MESA TOP SITES			
Far View Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Self-guided</li><li>Peak season: Approximately 200 visitors per day</li><li>Length of stay: 45 minutes if using interpretive pamphlet; 15 minutes if not using interpretive information</li><li>Peak time: 1 pm – 2 pm Moderate use period: 11 am – 6 pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Formalize trail system - connect to Far View Visitor Center and provide loop trail around community sites.</li><li>Provide both guided and self-guided tours</li><li>Enhance experience at Mesa Top site</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1-2 hours per visit</li><li>100 visitors per hour</li><li>20 visitors per guided tour</li></ul>
Cedar Tree Tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site currently closed due to fire damage. Interpretive waysides destroyed</li><li>Self-guided walking trail/observations of Mesa Top ruin</li><li>Narrow access road, parking area constrained: 15 to 17 spaces</li><li>Peak Time: afternoon and early evening (76% parking occupancy)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expand trail connections for farming terrace interpretation</li><li>Will require future access/trail restrictions and maintenance for burn restoration</li><li>Candidate area for guided tours or observed excavation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Depends on future restoration and infrastructure provisions</li></ul>
VISITOR FACILITIES			
Far View Visitor Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Main visitor center</li><li>75% of visitors go to Far View Visitor Center</li><li>Length of stay: 86% stay 30 minutes or less</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consider providing interpretive talks in the afternoon</li><li>When new Cultural Center is opened, Far View Visitor Center should remain as an activity area</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Depends on future use</li></ul>
Chapin Mesa Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diorama/corridor is controlling location for building</li><li>Peak season: 470 people in peak hour (1 pm – 2 pm)</li><li>Average stay in diorama/corridor: 2 minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Museum character – keep the old feeling of the museum</li><li>Enhance visitor orientation information</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diorama/corridor: 400 people per hour</li><li>Auditorium: physical capacity is 70 people (140 people per hour)</li></ul>
GENERAL AREAS			
Morefield Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Concession facilities include snack bar, gas, grocery store, showers, campground, gift shop, laundry</li><li>Ranger station: ticket sales/patrol office</li><li>Three formal trailheads and social trails</li><li>Peak time: prior to 1 pm</li><li>Peak parking utilization: 11 am to 12 pm (98%)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bring some life to place!</li><li>Redesign campground with same capacity: separate tent and RV sites. Provide more sites with RV hookups</li><li>Label and formalize trails</li><li>Provide more evening activities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Potential transit staging/ distribution area</li></ul>
Wetherill Mesa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quieter area of park</li><li>Tram circulates to sites</li></ul> <p>(Also see Long House and Step House)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accentuate uniqueness</li><li>Increase use overall, but keep experience intimate</li><li>Provide new trails, overlooks, bicycle opportunities and open new cliff dwelling (Mug House)</li></ul> <p>(Also see Long House and Step House)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mug House: up to 3 tours per day at 15-20 people each</li><li>Kodak and Long House Overlooks: maximum of 20 at one time</li><li>Double House, Ruin 12, Spring House Overlooks: maximum of 10 people at one time</li></ul> <p>(Also see Long House and Step House)</p>
Park Head-quarters Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Very special location – “Heart of Park”</li><li>Visitor facility access to museum, food services, post office, gift shop, bookstore and restrooms</li><li>Primary employee/ administrative facilities (offices, housing, research)</li><li>Peak accumulation: approximately 1,000 visitors</li><li>Average stay: 2/3 of visitors stay 1.5 hours or less</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remove, displace or limit vehicles to allow for greater dispersion of people</li><li>Restore buildings to original use for historic interpretation</li><li>Consider conversion of roadways/parking areas to pedestrian walkways</li><li>Implement information/ orientation facilities and services</li><li>Improve wayfinding</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Determine physical capacity of Spruce Tree Terrace, picnic area and amphitheater</li><li>Vehicle parking/circulation levels more problematic than people. Could increase person capacity</li></ul>